

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant:	Lifeng ZHANG	)
		) Group Art Unit: 1623
Serial No.:	10/677,436	)
		) Examiner:
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For:	METHOD FOR IMPROVING VISCOSITY OF THICKENERS FOR AQUEOUS SYSTEMS	) Confirmation No.: 9011
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**VIA EFS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT and RESPONSE**

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2009.

Please amend the Application as follows: